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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND DIVISION**

SANDRA STEIN,  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

KAISER PERMANENTE FLEXIBLE  
 BENEFITS PLAN and  
 METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
 COMPANY,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: C05-02566 EMC

Hon. Edward M. Chen

STIPULATION OF COUNSEL FOR  
 THIRTY-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME  
 WITHIN WHICH DEFENDANTS  
 MAY RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S  
 COMPLAINT ; ORDER

Complaint Filed: June 23, 2005

Pursuant to FRCP 6(b) and L.R. 6-1, Plaintiff Sandra Stein ("Plaintiff") and  
 Defendants Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife") and Kaiser Permanent  
 Flexible Benefits Plan ("Kaiser") (collectively "Defendants"), by and through their  
 respective counsel, hereby stipulate to extend the time within which Defendants may

1 answer or otherwise respond to the initial Complaint filed by Plaintiff on June 23,  
2 2005 and served upon Kaiser on August 22, 2005 and upon MetLife on September 7,  
3 2005.

4 Specifically, Defendants shall have an additional thirty (30) days from the  
5 response date in which to answer or otherwise respond, such that a pleading filed by  
6 Defendants on or before October 12, 2005 shall be deemed timely. Good cause exists  
7 for this extension because Defendants have only recently retained counsel, and  
8 additional time is needed to gather all relevant plan documents and all matters  
9 previously reviewed and considered in connection with Plaintiff's disability claim  
10 (*i.e.*, the "Administrative Record"), to formulate their interim litigation strategy and  
11 to prepare their actual responsive pleadings.

12 DATED: September 9, 2005

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED

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